this time in situ and it may be pretty

well taken for granted that their com-panion will be in position and that

all three will be ready to add their own contribution of beauty and gor-

geous coloring to the great scene on

Signing of the Register.

tended with more than usual interest. There are various difficulties in the

way of employing the room ordinarily

made to each other in front of the

The signing of the register at the conclusion of the service will be at

ABBEY'S BEAUTIES ENHANCED FOR ROYAL WEDDING

Tombs Restored and High Altar in Sumptuous Hangings.

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LONDON, Fe's 8. HE beloved Princess Mary will in a very literal sense indeed be making history when she stands side by side with Viscount 'escelles in front of the High Altac of Westminster Abbey on the last day

of the present month.
Strange to say, hers will be the first marriage of a King's daughter ever witnessed by the gray old walls of the abbey. Stranger still this will only be the third royal wedding which has ever taken place on this, the most istoric spot in the British Empire. The first was solemnized when the present beautiful choir had been standing only a few months. The second was the mightily popular marriage of Princess Patricia of Connaught and Commander Ramsey just three years ago. This paucity of royal weddings at the abbey is remarkable, to say the least of it, when one thinks of the vast number of other great royal functions such as coronations, funerals and so forth which have here taken place. However, there are the written rec-ords and on this subject they are

The first of these three roya maidens was the beauteous Aveline who was married to the second son of King Henry III., popularly known as Edmund Crouchback. By an interesting coincidence the tombs of this royal pair, which lie on the north side of the abbey high altar, have recently been undergoing a remarkable process of renovation and they

years ago the abbey authorities of the time were advised to cover these two

process took place in the course of the color of very dark oak. It has been found possible, however, within the last few months by means of a secret process to remove all the hidecolor and disfiguring varnish. The color and disfiguring varnish. ors are once more disclosed to view some places the gold is shining

while every stone, one might almost say, forms a history in itself.

The high altar at the occasion of the royal wedding will be arrayed in sumptuous hangings of white silk to which a more than ordinary interest is attached. It is the time honored custom, in fact, it has virtually the force of law, that the sovereign of England and his consort should make a solemn offering to Westminster Abbey at the time of their coronation. It is laid down that this offering shall consist of an ingot or solid wedge of a mark of gold in the case of th queen consort, while both of them present in addition a pall or altar cloth.

During post Reformation times the later item has generally been represented by a quantity of rich silk or cloth of gold, but in 1911 King George V. and Queen Mary decided to rever to the practice of their more distant predecessors. The result was that Westminster Abbey became enriched at the coronation of 1911 by a preferably superb white frontal, the gift of the King, and a dossal, the gift of the Queen. They were embroidered at the Victoria and Albert Museum at South Kensington on the model of a splendid old piece of mediæval em-iroidery belonging to a country church

In the west of England.

It should be added that the portraits of the present King and Queen oppear on the later piece of embroid-ery. The likenesses of the two kneeling figures to their originals are quite remarkable and form a striking testimony to the possibilities of the needle as a portrait maker.

Golden Processional Cross.

Hard by the high altar stands usu ally the golden processional cross of Westminster Abbey, which will, of course, be carried at the head of the choir and clergy at the time of the royal wedding. This beautiful work of art possesses a certain personal intoclated with a terrible crisis in the life of the bride's grandfather.

It will be remembered that in June, 1902, King Edward VII. was suddenly struck down, to the horror of his sub-lects, by dire disease, which led to the postponement of the coronation for many weeks. Among the many dispopointed guests at that time was Ras Makunan, the official envoy from the tourt of Abyssinia. So soon as this pious donor heard the bad tidings he communicated with the Dean of Westminster and asked to be allowed to present a votive offering for the restoration of the stricken monarch to his full health. The offer was accepted and it came to take the form of this beautiful work of art which niways plays a prominent part in the many great functions at Westminster

Standing prominently upon the high altar are other treasures which for beauty cannot well be surpassed. There for instance are the two massive candesticks of silver gilt nearly three feet in height which became the property of the abbey so far back as the year 1690. They were given by a cer-



will be complete just in time for the of devoted service in the establishment e of the canons of Westminster It appears that about two hundred at that time, bequeathed \$100 with which to purchase these splendid spec-

imens of Restoration metalwork. magnificent thirteenth century tombs with a coating of varnish, having for rations later served as the model for its object the preservation and protection of their beautiful coloring. the equally massive and imposing altar eross which also commemorates a Unfortunately, a kind of chemical wedding which attracted an immense amount of public attention at the time years quite the reverse of what was It was that of Lady Margaret Prim-anticipated and the tombs turned to rose, daughten of the Earl of Rose-

After the great ceremony was over of the peerless stained glass which the Empire. the Earl of Rosebery, being desirous of occupies three of the great windows. Here lies the sainted Confessor him-

winaturally, express their regret and markable pavement of marble and most lovable thing in Christendom."

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of the abbey generally.

Here the whole thing is beautiful.

The beauty of the pavement in spite eration.

used for this purpose, namely, the fa-mous Jerusalem Chamber. Hence, it teresting to note that it has been un-has been decided that this, the final

VISCOUNT LASCELLES

and in some places the gold is shining with all its old mediæval luster. It is presenting a permanent memorial of in the highest degree appropriate that this work should have been completed in time for the marriage of a king's daughter for the first time in the abby.

Some Unsightly Monuments.

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People over and over again, and not unnaturally, express their regret and even horror at the way in which this saic work dating right back to the beautiful church, "the loveliest and the form of an altar the event to the abbey, decided that the event to the abbey. It was found necessary to remove this glass at the time of the eaxiety caused by the raids of the anxiety caused by the raids of the darker of renewing and generally cleaning it. a work was subsequently taken of renewing and generally cleaning it. a work which has been carried out with amazung success at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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congraous and unsightly monuments, notably in the eighteenth and nine-teenth centuries. One place, however, has escaped this epidemic of bad taste; viz., the high altar and the east end of the abbey generally.

Here the whole thing is beautiful, to lay it down were brought from lins were a blessing in disguise to some seven of eight pairs of eyes at the windows been removed their bad condition would never have been discoving time when the present choir was opened in the presence of King Henry line.

Westminster Abbey, for had not these windows been removed their bad condition would never have been discoving time when the present choir was opened in the presence of King Henry line.

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harmonious and tasteful to a degree, of the ill-usage which it has under-while every stone, one might almost gone in former generations, is striking gaged in replacing the windows with to a degree and it is particularly in- desperate haste. Two of them are by there be found such a mighty "cloud

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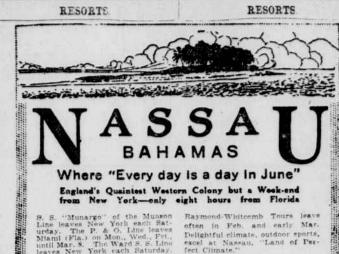
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